petrol has been earmarked for Central Road Fund, as per resolution passed by Parliament in 1988;

(b) if so, how much amount has since become due on this account in the Central Road Fund for the State of Maharashtra, till date; and

(c) whether Government has received any demand from the Government of Maharashtra for implementation of the 1988 Resolution and if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A Resolution to this effect was passed by Parliament in 1988.

(b) The Resolution could not be implemented so far and as such no amount has become due to any State including Maharashtra.

(c) Requests have been made by various States including the State of Maharashtra for implementation of the Resolution. The matter is under consideration of the Government and it is too early to indicate the decision thereon.

Development of National Highway No. 5

5607. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the fund earmarked during 1995-96 for the improvement of National Highways; and

(b) the details of work which was proposed to be undertaken during the remaining years of the Eighth Five Year Plan for the development of National Highway No. 5, particularly from Balasore to Bhubaneshwar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It is too early to indicate the details of budgetary allocation for National Highways as Demands for Grants for 1995-96 are yet to be approved by the Parliament.

(b) Improvement works proposed to be undertaken on National Highways No. 5 will depend on the availability of funds during the remaining years of Eighth Five Year Plan.

Proposals for conversion of State Highways into National Highways

5608. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from States for conversion of State highways into national highways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise in general and for Maharashtra in particular;

(c) what is the policy of Government in this regard and the details of proposals of Maharashtra being considered for conversion into national highway during the 8th Five Year Plan; and

(d) what was the total length of national highways in Maharashtra 10 years ago and addition to national highways upto the 31st March, 1995 and proposed additional length during the 8th Five Year Plan and the estimated investment thereon, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 135 proposals for 38,933 km have been received from all States, including 11 proposals for 4,792 km from Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Declaration of a new National Highway is dependent on a number of factors viz. criteria laid